

POLICY

It is the policy of the Michigan Department of Human Services Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) that youth will not view or attend any movie that is rated R or NC-17 or any television program rated TV-MA.

PURPOSE

This policy ensures that youths view only appropriate movies and television programs.

DEFINITIONS

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

**RESPONSIBLE
STAFF**

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

PROCEDURE

Each facility is required to develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) relative to movie and television viewing by youth. At a minimum, these SOPs must contain the following requirements:

**Movie /Television
Viewing**

Youths may view appropriate movies and television programs under staff supervision as a part of their treatment program at facilities if the:

- Movie is rated G, PG or PG-13 by the MPAA (for MPAA rated theatrical releases) or TV-Y, TV-7, TV-PG, or TV-14 (if rated by the television industry).
- Staff determines the movie or television program has treatment benefits.
- Unrated movies are pre-approved by the facility/center director or designee.

AUTHORITY

Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.115a(1)(l)